

Top imports coming



• KERI



• KOROKNAI



• SZABO



• JUHASZ

Four top European imports will shortly join Melbourne, says secretary-manager Joe Szalay.

All Hungarians, they are two forwards, a half-back and a full-back, and should add a great deal of weight to Melbourne's title prospects this season. Two are former team-

mates of Steve Bleskany, last year's import. Spartak of Subotica, in Yugoslavia, will be feeling the pinch this year, for no fewer than three of the four newcomers are from that team. Spartak plays in the Yugoslav Second Division.

Odd man out

"Odd man out" is right-winger Laszlo Koroknai,

a 22-year-old who previously played with F.K. Trgovacki of Novi-Sad, a Hungarian Third Division side.

Koroknai, still single, was born in Yugoslavia. He is a fitter.

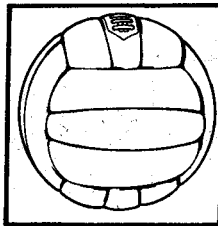
Completing Melbourne's quartet of newcomers are:

• Jozsef Szabo, 27, a Spartak full-back. He also was born in Yugoslavia, and is a fitter and turner. He's married.

• Fiban Juhasz, 27, was born in Muszla, Yugoslavia, and is the present Spartak centre-half. The "brains" of the side, he is a Bachelor of Economics. Juhasz is married, with a 10-month-old son.

• Istvan Keri, 24, inside-left, was born in Hungary, but has been a regular member of the Spartak side. Still single, he's an auto. electrician.

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LAST HOPE JUVENTUS!

—By ALISTAIR COOK—

The scene is set for a battling finale to the qualifying rounds of the Ampol Cup tomorrow night when Juventus must beat Croatia to survive.

Croatia need only one point to qualify for the final four of this season's competition, but Juventus will kiss the competition goodbye if they fail.

One thing is certain. Both teams will know their fate early — for they meet in the opening game of Olympic Park's two-match program.

The late game, between Wilhelmina and Hakoah, has little at stake. Both teams are fighting to avoid finishing at the bottom of their section.

Fixtures: CROATIA v. JUVENTUS (7.30 p.m.; referee Wooten, linesmen Alexandrou and Randall); WILHELMINA v. HAKOAH (9.15 p.m., referee Stafrace, linesmen Tolnai and Lucas).

Injury problems

Unimpressive in their recent games, Croatia have added problems with Horst Rau, Jim McKay and Willie Armour all on the injured list.

Armour is unlikely to play, while the possible loss of McKay could considerably dim Croatia's chances of winning or earning the vital point.

One bright note for Croatia is the return to form of Billy Vojtek.

Juventus, who surprisingly went down to Polonia before their clear-cut win over Lions, have also failed to reveal their best form in the competition so far.

But, like Croatia, they have considerable potential.

Led by their mid-line of George Kinnell, Sandy Irvine and Jack Goodwin, Juventus are safer in goal and at half back and should win.

But they will have to take a tight grip on Vojtek and McKay — if he plays — while they must not overlook Croatia's newcomer, a goal-grabbing Joe Rajher.

In the late game, Wilhelmina and Hakoah will do battle for their first points of the series. Both teams were beaten 3-0 by South Melbourne Hellas, mainly through glaring defensive errors, while both put up fair performances in defeat against Footscray-J.U.S.T.

They have many problem positions — none greater than at centre-half, for Wilhelmina, and in goal, for Hakoah.

It's a case of sticking one's neck out here to pick the winner, but I'm going for Hakoah.

Likely teams (from):

CROATIA: Voigt, Kovacek, Bot, Gunn, Symington, Williams, Rau, Rajher, Armour, J. McKay, Vojtek, McIntyre, Hargreaves, Williamson.

JUVENTUS: Reilly, Hrzby, Lakey, Thomson, Kinnell, Irvine, Goodwin, Frost, Webster, Salisbury, Dockerty, Di Marchi, Thomson, Sandison.

WILHELMINA:

Kennedy, Pye, Feenstra, Pygall, Ward, Edgeley, Bunce, Torcque, Spiekerman, Luckhurst, O'Toole, Bens, Newman, Tekktas.

HAKOAH:

Mur, Tarascio, Douglas, Baker, Panther, O'Neill, Stenhouse, Fry, Dragojevic, Clarey, Gadsby, Bridgeman, Cameron, Lane, Sansom.



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Footscray - J.U.S.T. forwards have the numbers, but Hellas goalkeeper Dick Stevens takes them all on and beats them to the ball during Friday's Ampol Cup game at Olympic Park.

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STATE LEAGUE COACHES ARE TAKEN TO TASK

I want to ask why just one single lonely State League coach attended the clinic conducted for the Victorian Soccer Coaches Association on January 17, by Dettmar Cramer, the leading F.I.F.A. coach.

I believe that every single member of every State League club not represented will also want to ask why.

An opportunity such as this only comes by every two or three years and to waste it is not just an insult to Mr. Cramer, but serves to indicate quite clearly to the paying public just how little interest our top coaches seem to have in improving their skills to the advantage of soccer in this city.

I suppose we should be thankful at least that the unsung and unpaid coaches from the Metropolitan, District and Junior Leagues were there, eager to learn and carry the flag, but it is just not good enough.

In a recent Soccer News article, former Melbourne coach Jim Adam said: "Despite Cramer's many admirable qualities, even he would find difficulty in being recognised in Victoria as a genuine and dedicated coach."

Mr. Adam went on to say that "throughout the world there are many such good talkers enjoying prestige positions — but they have little to offer the professional soccer player — they only serve to leave your head swimming in confusion".

Now, many of us reading those remarks could be forgiven for assuming that Jim Adam had spent many hours with Mr. Cramer, studying his technique, listening carefully and watching with eager eyes.

But we would be wrong.

Jim Adam was not present at the coaching sessions, did not attend the training film shows given by Dettmar Cramer and met him only briefly during the time he spent in Melbourne.

So on what basis does Jim Adam presume to write what purports to be an informed review of the Cramer tour.

To imply, as Jim Adam did, that Dettmar Cramer could not hold down a job as a State League coach is to miss the point completely.

Cramer is a coaches' coach. It's

by
Jim Barker

rather like saying a university professor would make a hash of teaching second form juniors. True, perhaps, but this shows a complete lack of understanding of Cramer's function and purpose.

I believe Jim Adam's article is full of muddled thinking and only serves to underline the fact that we appear not to have enough coaches in Victoria with sufficient ability to understand the degree of theoretical knowledge behind the game and the intricacies of modern tactics, although our Metro. and Junior coaches seem willing at least to give it a try.

Clubs to blame

Our State League coaches obviously feel, either that they have a superior degree of knowledge to that of Mr. Cramer, or this type of specialised knowledge has little application and is of little value to the class of soccer played in Victoria. Or, alternatively, they are just not interested. I'm just not sure which applies.

Maybe we can't entirely blame the coaches. The clubs themselves must carry some of the responsibility for this fiasco.

At a time when top clubs all over the world recognise that their success depends heavily on their having the best coach, this cold fact has still not registered in Australia.

We have a situation where even a modest player takes home more money than his coach and so perhaps it's true we get the talent we deserve.

Of course, some clubs have recognised this need for better coaching standards and done something about it and seen it pay off.

But, at a time when week after week sees the arrival of yet another player from overseas, I cannot but look forward to the day when good coaches arrive as regularly. Then we will have learned a little wisdom. Then and only then will the game have reached a level of maturity that will ensure its growth and success.

The initiative in this direction must clearly come from our major State League clubs. Only they have the financial capability to afford this necessity of life, but today too many of them regard it as a luxury.

The Rumania - Victoria game showed just what a good coach can do with the sort of honest, but limited, football talent we have available.

Zvonimir Rasic, acting on advice received in a five-page confidential letter from Adelaide, on the basis of his own observations of the Middle Park match and finally with the help of an interstate telephone call from another contact, plotted out a successful counter-strategy that almost gave Victoria the game.

It certainly gave Victoria a moral victory in the tactical battle — a fact generously admitted by the Rumanian team manager just prior to his leaving Melbourne.

Must master his craft

Coaching is a complex subject and I don't pretend to be an expert, but I do know it is not just simply a matter of getting the boys fit, neither is it sufficient to teach skillfully the purely mechanical elements of the game, kicking and heading.

Jim Adam states that the theoretical and hypothetical knowledge of the complexities of the modern game leave your head swimming and their only value is the hollow feeling you get after the session; whatever that may mean.

But surely that is what it is all about, unless a coach can master his craft in all areas he is not a coach.

To put this theory into practice and express it in direct and practical match terms, this is the job of a good coach.

The 10 hours that Rasic spent battling out the Victorian tactics for the Rumanian game were 10 hours well spent.

He didn't have to do it, but he did, because he cares.

The others? Well, perhaps that's it, they don't and that's why they weren't at the Clinic.

Hertha coach slams Aust.

In a television interview in Berlin, which was relayed through Europe, Gerhard Schulte, coach of Hertha 03, recent Australian touring side, had some harsh things to say about soccer in Australasia.

"Teams like Hong Kong and

Thailand play a technically, much better brand of soccer, than Australia and New Zealand," he said.

"They play too hard, often overstepping the law. There is complete lack of playing culture," he added.

"The build-up of Australian soccer is very wrong, it has no firm foundation.

"Everything is concentrated on the semi-professional clubs of Sydney's First Division and Victoria's State League.

Coaches lashed

"Juniors are brought up by too many inexperienced and unqualified coaches. It leaves a lot to be desired and is not the right way to develop the game.

"Both Australia and New Zealand will have to do a lot more for their youth."

He concluded his blistering attack on our system (or lack of it), by saying.

"An amateur league or association is also a necessity in both countries."



Brazilian soccer ace Pelé smiles after being crowned King of Soccer in Santiago, Chile. The gold and silver crown, a gift from the Merica of Mexico club, is valued at more than \$11,000. Pelé had earlier scored three goals for Santos in its 7-0 win over America of Mexico.

Phew, but it's worth all that effort

Peru to win World Cup?

Millionaire Bolivian clairvoyant Senor Barrientes voiced another of his astounding predictions recently.

He states that he "saw" Peru win the 1970 World Cup.

In case you are inclined to laugh, this gentleman has been correct in many of his "visionary predictions".

He "saw" the great Venezuela earthquake six months before it happened.

He says that he feels sorry for West Germany and others in Peru's group. The South American outsiders will thrash them all.

His clairvoyancy has given him a worldwide reputation and his latest pronouncement was widely quoted on world radio and television.

Elwood Austria on Sunday won the Mt. Clear Cup after most of its players had taken the field for three matches in temperatures close to 100°.

Austria won the annual tournament two miles from Ballarat by beating Altona City 1-0 in the final. Barry Webb scored the only goal from a perfect through pass by former George Cross star Horst Zielinski.

The competition lost a lot of interest when St. Albans and Ferntree Gully pulled out.

Ballarat was to be a last-minute substitute but it could not field a team.

Full results were:
Altona City 2 (Savage) 2; d. Austria B 0; Kellor City 6 (E. Kupcz 3, W. Klein 2, K. Klein 1) d. Brintons 1; Mt. Clear 2 (Arst, pen., Kykers) d. East Melbourne Helvetic 1 (Berger); first semi-final, Altona 1 (Kling, pen.) d. Kellor 0; second semi-final, Austria A 5 (F. Gross 3, L. Gross, Webb) d. Mt. Clear 1 (Kykers); final, Austria A 1 (Webb) d. Altona 0.

Kellor centre half Billy Szweduk was sent off during the Kellor v. Altona game.

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LOOKS AT THE AMPOL CUP

Who will win individual award?

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TOMORROW!

Tomorrow night's matches will decide the best player of the 1970 Ampol Cup series.

Footscray J.U.S.T. forward Tommy Stankovic heads the voting for the new award with 20 points from three matches.

Players with the best chance of catching him are George Kinnell (Juventus) 14, Joe Rajher (Croatia) 14, and Sandy Irvine (Juventus) 13.

Stankovic could have clinched the award last week — but played only a mediocre game to score five votes out of 10.

The highlight of his performance came when he set up the second goal for Branko Buljevic minutes from the final whistle.

Stars of last week's round were Joe Zurawski (Polonia), Jimmy Millar (Polonia) and Cedo Cirkovic (J.U.S.T.), all of whom polled seven votes.

No problems

Zurawski and goalkeeper Miroslaw Litwin were surprise inclusions in the Polonia team.

Both had had misunderstandings with the club and looked set to move to Sydney.

Now all problems have been ironed out and the star duo will play for Polonia during the winter season.

Fielding Zurawski really paid dividends for Polonia. The giant defender was unbeatable in the air and

his sheer strength was a deterrent to the hesitant Lions forwards.

But his role was not merely destructive.

Inspiration

His cool clearances were often pin-point passes which generated dangerous attacks.

Zurawski and midfield man Jimmy Millar were the inspiration which led to Polonia's 2-0 victory.

Millar had the midfield sewn up.

He directed play throughout and could have taken a lease on the ground had Jimmy Smart not kept butting in.

The third star of the round was Footscray's former coach, Cirkovic.

It was a special treat for spectators to see Cirkovic in top form. Usually he just hangs around in defence, doing a reasonable job in an unobtrusive way.

But last week he went berserk.

First he attracted attention in defence, sweeping up the crumbs his teammates had dropped near goal.

Next he kept coming forward, distributing the ball to his attackers and reorganising the whole structure of the game.

His dominance finally wrecked Hellas' concentration and paved the way for a rejuvenation that resulted in Footscray's two goals.

Players to receive six votes were Bobby Evans, Jimmy Smart (Lions), Mike Widera, Henry Siwka, Kaz Kowalec (Polonia), Milenko Rasmir, Marko Fode (J.U.S.T.), David Kelly, John Bedford and Steve Walker (Hellas).

Evans made some spectacular saves and Lions would have been swamped without him.

Smart was the only other effective man in the Lions line-up.

Fode, playing his first game since last season, was a little hesitant, but his experience was useful and his saves kept J.U.S.T. in the game.

Rasmir, although lacking speed, was an effective defender because of his intelligence.

Two goals

Kelly successfully blanketed Buljevic until the last 10 minutes, when the ace striker scored two goals.

Big Walker used his height to advantage and

High-flying Dick Stephens (South Melb. Hellas), leaps to keep his goal intact on this occasion. But two goals from Branko Buljevic late in the game sank Hellas' hopes last week. Footscray J.U.S.T. won 2-0.

won the aerial duels in defence. Bedford was a capable backstop and created a number of opportunities when he went forward.

Widera, Siwka and Kowalec worked well together in Polonia's attack. Their intelligent play should have been rewarded by at least two more goals.

Voting:
LIONS: Evans 6, Murray 5, Bartley 5, Murney 5, Roseweir 5, Schwartz 5, Starczak 5, Horner 5, Smart 6, McCarthy 5, Keenan 5.

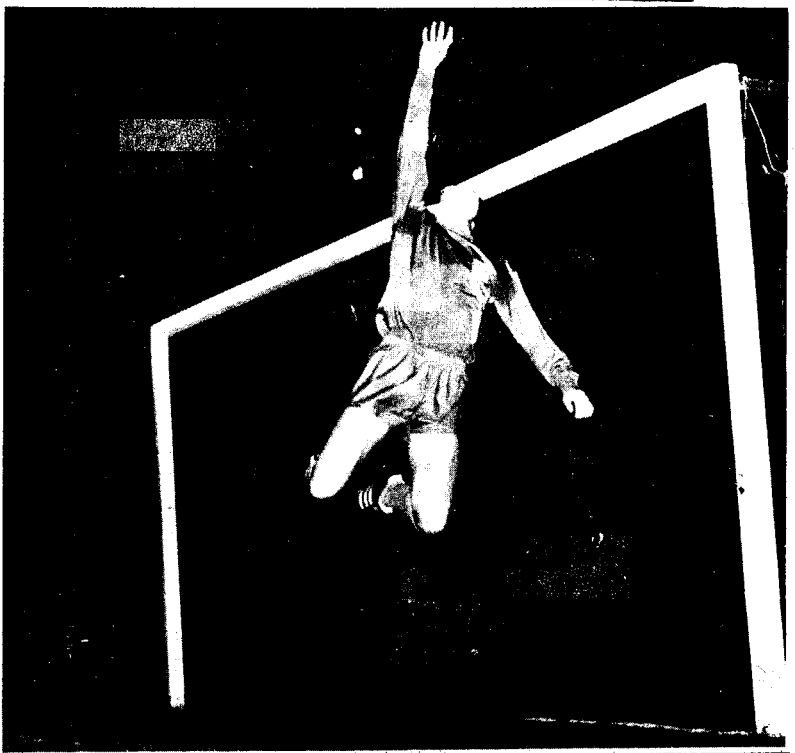
POLOIA: Litwin 5, Knot 5, Czapnik 5, Olinowski 5, Zurawski 7, Millar 7, Widera 6, Closs 5, Siwka 6, Malloy 5, Kowalec 6.

J.U.S.T.: Fode 6, Colovic 5, Rasmir 6, Micic 5, Rice 5, Cirkovic 7, Mihailovic 5, Evans 5, Lukic 5, Stankovic 5, Buljevic 5.

HELLAS: Stephens 5, Kelly 6, Kriazis 5, Bedford 6, Walker 6, High 5, Lafaman 5, Kamboropoulos 5, Armstrong 5, Ackerville 5, Gorrie 5.

Leaders: 20 Stankovic (J.U.S.T.); 18 McCarthy (Lions), Smart (Lions), Siwka (Polonia), Gorrie (Hellas); 17 Cirkovic, Micic (J.U.S.T.), Evans, Murney (Lions), Knot, Millar, Czapnik (Polonia), Kelly, Bedford, Walker (Hellas).

Goalscorers: 3 Siwka (Polonia), Gorrie, Armstrong (Hellas); 2 Rajher (Croatia), Zoraja, Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), Bryan Thomson (Juventus), Malloy (Polonia); 1 Lukic, Micic, Rice (J.U.S.T.), Panther, Dragojevic (Hellas), Salisbury (Juventus), Torquell (Wilhelmina), MacKey (Croatia), Pryde (Juventus), Smart, Starczak (Lions), McIntyre, Vojtek (Croatia), Kowalec (Polonia).



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Lions fade away
badly

Lions faded badly to lose their Ampol Cup semi-final chance on Friday evening.

After a scoreless first half — in which they looked every inch as good as Polonia — the Lions played great soccer for the first 10 minutes of the second half, then cracked and lost two goals which kayoed their chances.

Both sides made a hash of good scoring chances in the first half.

Biggest sinner was Henry Siwka, of Polonia, who messed up two gilt-edged chances shortly before half-time. Siwka made amends later when he rattled in Polonia's first goal and teed up the second for Jim Malloy.

Different story

For the first 25 minutes South Melbourne Hellas had the ball at their feet and gave the slow-moving Footscray J.U.S.T. the run-around — without being able to finish.

In the second half, however, it was a different story.

Hellas lost their poise, J.U.S.T. regained their composure and, with Tom Stanko-

vic in devastating form, the writing was on the wall for Hellas quite some time before Branko Buljevic scored two great goals late in the game.

LIONS 0, POLONIA 2.

LIONS: Evans, Murray, Bartley, Murney, Roseweir, Schwartz, Starczak, Horner, Smart, McCarthy, Keenan.

POLOIA: Litwin, Knot, Czapnik, Olinowski, Zurawski, Millar, Widera, Closs, Siwka, Kowalec, Malloy. Scorers: Polonia (Siwka 2).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2, SOUTH

ELMBOURNE HELLAS 0.

J.U.S.T.: Fode, Colovic, Rasmir, Micic, Rice, Cirkovic, Mihailovic, Evans, Lukic, Stankovic, Buljevic.

HELLAS: Stephens, Kelly, Kriazis, Bedford, Walker, High, Laraman, Kamboropoulos, Armstrong, Ackerville, Gorrie.

Scorers: J.U.S.T. (Buljevic 2). Attendance 6897.

It's time to be on the ball

Without it the game could not go on... neither would it have started! Yet in spite of its all-importance surprisingly little is known generally about the football itself. Certainly very little has been written about it.

In the official English Laws of the Game, published by the Football Association, the ball is dismissed in one paragraph.

"The ball shall be spherical; the outer casing shall be of leather or other approved materials. No material shall be used in its construction which might prove dangerous to the players. The circumference shall not be more than 28 ins. and not less than 27 ins. The weight at the start of the game shall be not more than 16 ozs. nor less than 14 ozs. The pressure shall be equal to 15 lb. per square inch. The ball shall not be changed during the game unless authorised by the referee."

IT IS additionally stipulated now that the ball can be sprayed with plastic or paint to give it a certain colour. Coloured balls, usually yellow, bright orange or white, must be available for all games between November and February in England. White balls are invariably used in floodlight matches. The white ball was officially brought into use in 1951.

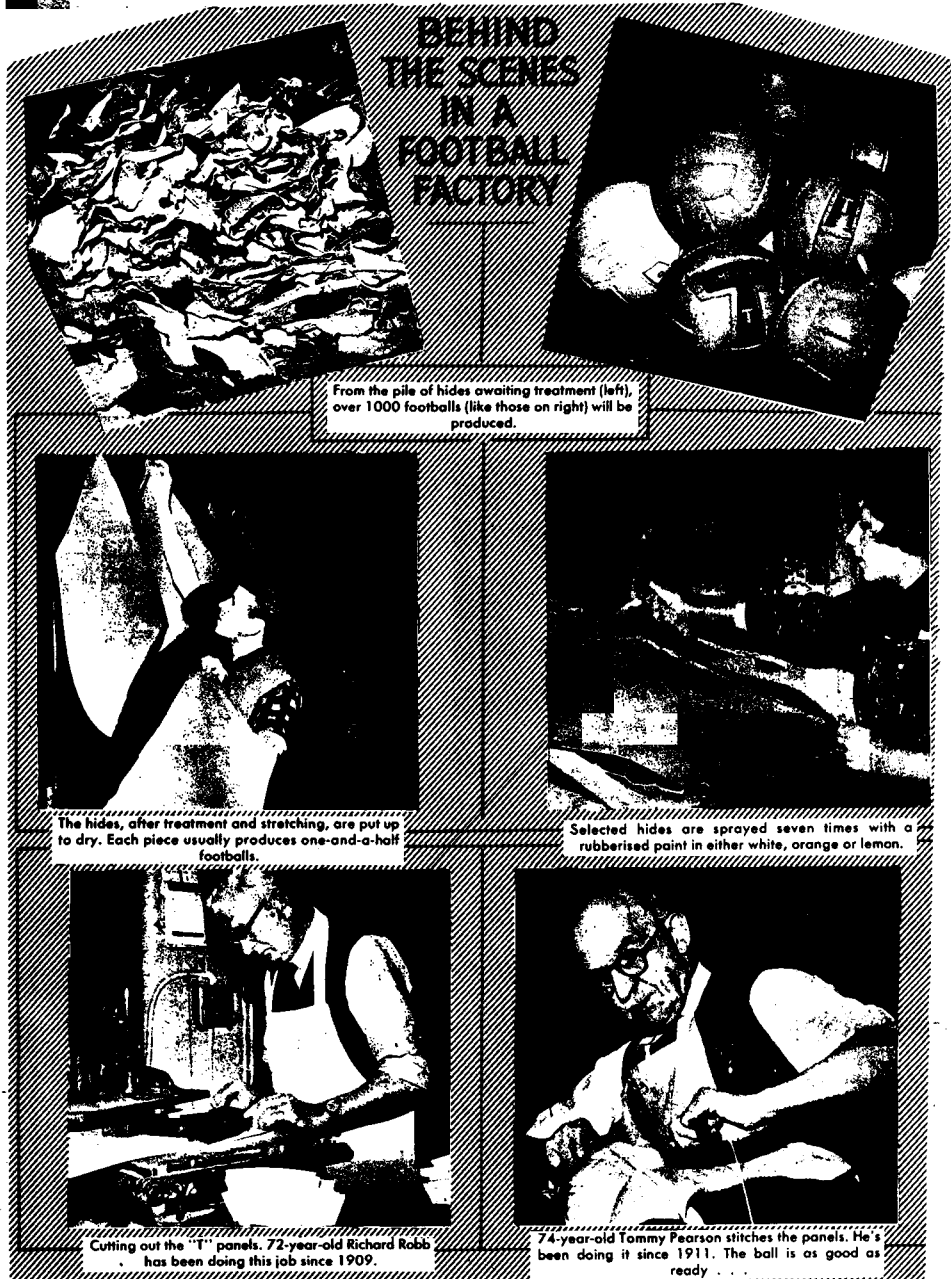
THE CHANCES of a ball bursting in a Cup Final have been computed as a million to one against.

But in 1946 the ball burst in the Cup Final between Derby County and Charlton Athletic, and again when the same clubs met in a League game five days later.

And, incredibly enough, the ball also burst within 30 minutes of the kick-off in the following year's Cup Final between Charlton and Burnley!

THE MODERN FOOTBALL is designed to resist mud and water and retain its original weight. In the old days the ordinary leather ball became almost too heavy to kick on a muddy pitch, and heading it was often a hazard.

THE ORIGINAL football might have been a captured enemy's head, kicked around by Roman soldiers. No one knows, since other theories suggest that the game originated in China.



BEHIND THE SCENES IN A FOOTBALL FACTORY

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74-year-old Tommy Pearson stitches the panels. He's been doing it since 1911. The ball is as good as ready.

Noordenne Cup attracts 14 teams

The 1970 Noordenne Cup competition, sponsored by Altona City, will start on Sunday with games at Gardens Reserve, Sunshine, Churchill Reserve, St. Albans, and Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans.

Fourteen teams will take part in the competition.

Group One: Sunshine City A, Altona City B, Park Rangers and St. Albans B.

Group Two: St. Albans A, Western Suburbs, Altona Central, Kingsville.

Group Three: Green

Gully Ajax, Newport, Ardeer.

Group Four: Altona City A, Moreland, Sunshine City B.

FIXTURES
Group 1 — Gardens Reserve, Anderson Rd., Sunshine.

Sunday, February 15:

Altona B v. St. Albans B, 1.15 p.m.; Sunshine A v. Park Rangers, 3 p.m.

Sunday, February 22: Altona B v. Park Rangers, 1.15 p.m.; Sunshine A v. St. Albans B, 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 1: Park Rangers v. St. Albans B, 1.15 p.m.; Sunshine A v. Altona B, 3 p.m.

Group 2 — at Churchill

Reserve, Grace St., St. Albans.

Sunday, February 15: Altona Central v. Kingsville, 1.15 p.m.; St. Albans A v. Western Suburbs, 3 p.m.

Sunday, February 22: Altona Central v. Western Suburbs, 1.15 p.m.; St. Albans A v. Kingsville, 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 1: Kingsville v. Western Suburbs, 1.15 p.m.; St. Albans A v. Altona Central, 3 p.m.

Groups 3 and 4 — at

Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans Rd., St. Albans.

Sunday, February 15: Altona A v. Sunshine B, 1.15 p.m.; Ajax v. Ardeer, 3 p.m.

At Ardeer Ground, corner Helene and Yellourn Streets, Ardeer.

Sunday, February 22: Moreland v. Sunshine B, 1.15 p.m.; Newport v. Ajax, 3 p.m.

At Kim Reserve, Millers Road, Altona.

Sunday, March 1: Newport v. Ardeer, 1.15 p.m.; Altona A v. Moreland, 3 p.m.

Semi-finals will be played at Kim Reserve, Altona, on Saturday, March 7, and the grand final will be played on the same ground on Sunday, March 15.

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Portraits of the players

DAVID HIGH

(S.M. Hellas)
Born Reading, England. A local product who joined Reading's ground staff straight from school in April, 1956, and signed professional forms in February, 1958, a few days after he appeared for England Youth side against Wales. Made his league debut in 1959 and became a first team regular in 1961. Joined Slavia on

his arrival in Australia and represented Victoria at full back several times while with them. Transferred to South Melbourne Hellas over a year ago and playing a big

part in the Greek side's revival. So much so, in fact, that once again he must make strong claims for a place in the State side.

BILLY VOJTEK
(Croatia)

Croat-born and one of the most brilliant ball players, if not the most brilliant, in Australian soccer. Now 25, he joined Croatia in 1962 from Essendon Juniors and has never looked back.

A natural at inside forward with his tremendous tenacity and powerful finishing, he has been somewhat wasted on the wing by both Victoria and Australia.

Has played many times for Victoria and Australia and could perhaps fetch an Australian record transfer fee if he wanted to move.

BILLY RICE (J.U.S.T.)

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and as a 16-year-old was on the books of Distillery, one of the leading clubs there before emigrating with his parents to Australia in 1955.

Signed for Footscray Capri on his arrival here and was a regular until their amalgamation with Footscray J.U.S.T. some years back.

Has been the backbone of the J.U.S.T. defence for many years, represented Australia half a dozen times and had many appearances for Victoria until he was left out two years ago. Recalled to the State side over a year ago, he has proved he is as good as ever.

Billy is a fully skilled instrument mechanic.

BRIAN EDGELEY

(Wilhelmina)
From Shrewsbury, where he graduated from the local juniors to Shrewsbury Town, the English League side.

While with Shrewsbury, with whom he made a considerable number of first team games, Edgeley played alongside Arthur Rowley, who scored 434 goals in English soccer — a record which still stands.

Edgeley was some time in South Africa before joining Wilhelmina less than two years ago. Late last season he was appointed player-coach of the club in succession to Les Courrier, who was coach and who returned to England.

LUTHER KASTENER

(George Cross)
German-born and came to Australia as a schoolboy. Has been with George Cross for over seven years, graduating to the first team through several junior age groups.

Has played for Victoria and was stand-in for Ron Corry in the Australian World Cup side.

Married recently and his wife is a sister of John Dockerty's wife. Dockerty is understudy to Kastener in the George Cross team.

Hi-ya Alex



Few, if any, will recognise the player in this photograph which was taken nearly 35 years ago.

It is Alex Hastings, a leading figure in South Australian soccer and recently elected to the Board of Management of the South Australia Soccer Federation.

A Scot who played with Stenhousemuir before moving to Sunderland, where this photo was taken, he had two full international caps for Scotland in 1936 and 1938. He had a spell as manager of Kilmarnock and has been in Australia for the past two years.

BROKEN HILL OPPORTUNITY

Broken Hill S.C. which plays in the South Australian League, is seeking experienced players who can get a free clearance from their club, and would like to go to the Silver City.

The team travels to Adelaide every second weekend for its 'away' matches.

The club undertakes to arrange employment at Broken Hill for any acceptable recruit. Anyone interested should

write immediately to Mr. Rudi Alagich, Care Victorian Soccer Federation, 52 Fitzroy St., St. Kilda.

Mr. Alagich will be in Melbourne next Wednesday and Thursday to interview prospective players.

As I see it

by GEORGE YELLAND

The great interest being shown in sporting magazines throughout the world is highlighted in this story from Russia.

Football and Ice Hockey is a popular periodical whose circulation has risen from 175,000 in 1960 to 14 million in 1969.

Enthusiasts in the Soviet Union can no longer rely on getting their copy because of unprecedented demand. Official price is five kopeks and people anxious to learn about the latest sporting achievements of fellow "workers" are increasingly faced by "capitalist" profit making by local newspaper sellers.

One reader was asked to pay 25 kopeks for a copy and, when he protested, he was subjected to a torrent of abuse from the seller.

He reported the incident to the central office of Sovetskii Sport (a paper with over 24 million circulation) and was astonished to find that the editors did not fall off their stools in amazement.

They blandly replied that they had received similar reports from other parts of the country. A report from Krakov tells of a reader having to pay 35 kopeks and the record, to date, is 50 kopeks (10 times official price), charged in Kirovabad.

Soviet citizens appear more passive about black market exploitation than their Western counterparts. For the record, official price of Soccer News is 20 cents and you can get it at this figure each week by placing a regular order with your newsagent.

Samaritans at work

Help from city councils is always of tremendous importance to soccer clubs. Two councils in the news are those of Lilydale and Eltham.

Ron Clift, of Mooroolbark, pays tribute to Lilydale Council and in particular to Chief Engineer Mr. Ken Scott, who has paid several visits to the Mooroolbark ground and affected terrific improvements.

The troublesome open drain at the side of the pitch has been barrel-drained and covered in and the pitch has been top-dressed and reseeded.

Another pitch has been constructed at the side of the present one, but will not be used until 1971, in order to let it settle and grass over completely.

The club has asked Council for a ground for juniors and are likely to be granted Hokey Reserve, near Mooroolbark Station.

Ron is in need of help to handle juniors. They are running three junior sides, under 10s, 12s and 14s, and could run more if they had coaches and adults to handle them. They have only two men for the three teams and really need two per team.

What about it, you Mooroolbark parents? If you are really interested in your youngsters, give a little of your time and energy to them at weekends.

Coming to the party

Eltham Shire Council and Lower Eltham Parks Committee are coming to the party in the Diamond Valley.

An L-shaped dressing room is being built in Lower Eltham Park at a cost of \$40,000. One wing for the Footy boys and the other for Soccer.

Eltham, first bastion of Soccer in the Diamond Valley footy stronghold, won the D.V. Cup in its first year. Joining the Federation, they played in District League, before being promoted to Metropolitan Fourth Division at start of 1969, and finished in mid-table.

The club has three grounds. Seniors and Reserves play at Lower Eltham Park, Under 10s, 12s and 14s at North Eltham, whilst Under 8s and general training are run at the smaller Main Road, Eltham, ground.

It is hoped to run Under 9s, 12s, 14s and 16s in the coming season, in addition to Seniors and Reserves.

Mr. Henry Dressler, last season's junior manager, informs Soccer News that a general meeting will be held in the Library, next to Eltham Shire Offices, at 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 1970.

He appeals for help from parents of boys in

Even the football magazines have hit black market

the district and there is an open invitation to everyone in the district to attend this meeting.

Any juniors or seniors in the Eltham District interested in playing Soccer, please go along to this meeting. You will be made welcome.

Fair man indeed

Mr. Henry Duck, newly appointed treasurer of George Cross, has a reputation for firmness and fairness on the Metropolitan Disciplinary Committee.

He looks a natural successor to the chairmanship of this committee following the passing of Mr. Charles Hay.

Mr. Duck has served with distinction since 1963, with only half a season's absence, due to illness.

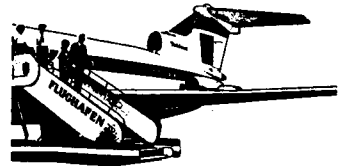


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Look out, fellers- here come the girls!

These young Italian girls are breaking into a man's world. They are members of the Roma Soccer Club, reputed to be the best of the ten Italian women's professional teams, pictured during training in Rome recently.

Girls like Stefania Medri, 16, of Roma, and Milan girl star Patrizia Viotti, 18, are making women's soccer a big-time sport in Italy, and in the process winning hosts of admirers.

That's Stefania Medri at right. Definitely cuter than Bobby Charlton. And she's no slouch when it comes to scoring — 25 goals already this season.

We don't know how much Stefania is worth, but Milan are reputed to have recently rejected a bid of seven million lire — that's about \$11,200 — for their star Patrizia Viotti.



★ SOCCER SIDELINES

★ An Easter Junior competition, organised in alternate years in Melbourne and Sydney, will be organised this year by Juventus Soccer Club in Melbourne.

Catering for all age groups, and with cups presented by the Italian Consulate, it is open to all Italian clubs and other sides who have at least six Italian players in their line-ups. APIA from Sydney will be sending several sides for the competition. Those who are eligible and wish to take part should telephone Mr. Mussolini on 38-1512 for full details.

The competition is now in its third year. Two years ago it got started in Melbourne and last season it was held in Sydney.

★ Ferntree Gully is eager to sign up new talent. Coach Jack Feenstra (ex-Wilhelmina) says good players are assured of a \$100 signing-on fee. Ferntree Gully, now in Third Division, is eager to recapture its First Division form of five years ago.

★ New secretary of the West Australian Soccer Federation is 36-year-old Sydney-born Phil Cregan, who was selected from 27 applicants at a salary of \$5000 a year.

★ As a junior Mr. Cregan played Rugby and his only experience in soccer was playing in navy grade — he joined the R.A.N. 17 years ago. It was not until he visited the U.K. in 1957 that he began to appreciate fully the tremendous world-wide interest in the game in which he

will now become heavily involved.

★ Eric Norman, the former Juventus (Melbourne) centre forward, now with Juventus (Adelaide), played for South Australia against Inter-Bratislava.

★ Pat Reilly, the former Wilhelmina and George Cross forward, who was on the books of St. George Budapest last season, has been transferred to Sutherland, the Sydney Second Division side.

★ Nigel Shepherd, the former Slavia, Victoria and Australian full back, who broke his leg early last season, made his comeback in the South Sydney Croatia side which defeated Pan Hellenic in their opening Ampol Cup game.

★ A dozen former State League players appeared for various clubs in the opening round of the Ampol Cup games in Sydney.

They were George Keith, Stan Ackersley, Jimmy Rooney, John Butler, Nigel Shepherd, Tommy Randles, Tommy Anderson, Otis Abonyi, John Duffy, Nick McCallum, Bob Connelly, Barry Taylor.

★ Victoria will play New South Wales in Melbourne on Sunday, April 5, with the return game in Sydney scheduled for Wednesday, April 29. The inter-city Ampol Cup final between the winners in Melbourne and Sydney will be played on the same days.

SOCCER QUIZ

By Alistair Cook

A weekly feature which will not only test your memory, but also rack your brains.

Score ten out of ten — and you're a genius. And if you score seven or over, you're a soccer marvel.

If you can top the halfway mark, class yourself as good. But if you answer less than three correctly, it's time you brushed up your knowledge of your favorite game by buying Soccer News regularly.

Here we go . . .

1. In which countries would you find the Marcana Stadium, Aztec Stadium and the Ullevi Stadium?
2. Name the Wilhelmina full backs of the 1959 side which won the State League championship?
3. Willie Waddell, the recently appointed Rangers manager, was team boss of another side which won the 1965 Scottish First Division title. Who is the other team?
4. Which famous Czechoslovakia goalkeeper played for a State League club?
5. Soccer in Japan was once known by another name. What was the other name?
6. A.C. Milan won the European Cup-Winners Cup in 1968 by defeating their opponents 2-0 at Rotterdam; Kurt Hamrin scoring both goals for the Italian side. Who were their opponents?
7. Name the champions of the First Division in 1957, the year before the State League started?
8. A well known European soccer club fronts the Adriatic Sea. Name the club?
9. A world famous pop singer is president of Welsh club Newport County who play in the English Leagues. Who is he?
10. In which year did the Australian Soccer Federation reaffiliate with F.I.F.A.?

Now turn to Page 11 for your answers.

Polonia pair end speculation

Weeks of speculation on the future of Polonia pair — goalie Miroslaw Litwin and centre-half Josef Zurawski seemed to have ended last Friday night when both appeared for the first time this season in Polonia's line-up against Lions.

It was this pair more than any other two who killed Lions' chances and largely contributed to Polonia's win.

Litwin defied the efforts of Jimmy Smart, Colin Horner and John McCarthy to keep his goal intact while Zurawski who played a strong defensive role was the man who prompted the Polonia attack and several times himself went up to have a go at scoring himself.

★ All grades of Juventus juniors start training again this Sunday, February 15, at Sumner Park, Brunswick, at 9 a.m. Parents and relatives of the boys are cordially invited to attend.

★ Branko Buljevic, the ace Footscray J.U.S.T. forward, who put paid to South Melbourne hopes of winning their Ampol Cup section, and whose two late goals against the Greek team must make the Footscray team favorites to win the Ampol Cup, only recently recovered from a chipped bone in his toe, sustained while training on one of the bayside beaches.

★ A player exchange in the offing could see Mike Plunkett, a defender who was with Albion Rovers in Scotland, move from Wilhelmina for Archie Campbell of George Cross, who has been fully seven years with the club, and is one of the best to wear their colors.

★ A few weeks ago Gordon Cameron, the Hakoah winger, was adamant on getting a move. Now Hakoah have stated quite emphatically that Cameron is not for transfer.

★ The Juventus disciplinary imposed a \$10 fine on both George Kinnell and Jock Goodwin arising from their recent trip to Sydney, where they drew 3-3 with APIA. The fine was for returning late to camp.

★ With ace goalie Billy Johnson having to quit the game on medical advice, and Eddie Wilson, his successor, secured from Box Hill last season, now in New Zealand, the Dockerty Cup shock side — Sunshine City — are looking for a good-class replacement. Hans Wenzel, transfer listed by Lions at a small fee, might fit the bill, if he is prepared to step down to First Division soccer.

BEST SLAMS IN SIX

United find old fire



Stoke goalkeeper Gordon Banks (centre) leaps to intercept high cross in front of his goal during the First Division 0-0 draw at Highbury, London. Arsenal's Peter Marinello is left and Stoke's Mick Pejic supports his goalkeeper at right.

LONDON — Irish Star Georgie Best marked his return to football after a 28-day suspension by scoring six goals in Manchester United's crushing 8-2 English F.A. Cup win over Northampton Town.

United have met with little success since winning the European Cup in 1968, but they could now be heading for a return to glory and lucrative European football. Their victory put them among the last eight clubs in the F.A. Cup, the winners of which qualify for next season's European Cup winners' cup.

Best, showing all his old artistry and skill despite a muddy Northampton pitch, shot the first four goals, and his final tally of six equalled the highest individual scoring record in the long history of the competition, barring qualifying rounds.

Brian Kidd got the other two United goals which helped to decimate Northampton, now a lowly Fourth Division side but who graced the First Division a decade ago.

Cusens Park Rangers, the London Second Division side who have been beaten only once at home this season, continued their cup run by toppling First Division Derby County.

An own goal by Derby's experienced former Scottish international half back Dave Mackay, in the 63rd minute, settled the issue. He deflected a hard shot by Frank Clarke into his own net.

Clarke's better-known brother, Alan Clarke, who at \$345,000 is England's costliest footballer, helped to put the cup favourites Leeds United into the quarter-finals.

He scored a gem of a goal in the league champions' 2-0 win over Third Division Mansfield.

With Johnny Giles and Billy Bremner majestically controlling mid-field, the match was virtually decided by the interval. Giles scored the first goal after 27 minutes, and seven minutes later Mick Jones headed down for Clarke to blast in the second on the volley.

Chelsea, the second favourites, won the big London Derby Cup game when winning 4-1 away against Crystal Palace with a reputation of the smooth talent which gave them a 5-1 league win on the same ground last December.

The Second Division will be well

World round-up

represented in the quarter-final draw, as Queen's Park Rangers, Middlesbrough, Swindon and Watford won through, and Leicester City played out a goalless draw away against First Division Liverpool.

Middlesbrough won 2-1 at Carlisle, Swindon, the League Cup holders, eliminated Scunthorpe 3-1, and Watford knocked out Gillingham 2-1.

Leicester, who beat Liverpool in the same round last season, after a goalless first tie, and went on to reach the final, again showed their fighting qualities. Though Liverpool's mid-field strength was evident, Leicester defence held firmly.

The English League programme, already restricted by the Cup games, was further hit by the weather.

There were no changes at the top of the first two divisions, but

Luton took over the leadership in Division Three from Orient through a superior goal average. Chesterfield, though held to a 1-1 draw by Notts County, retained top spot in the Fourth Division.

Celtic and Rangers, the giants of Scottish football, catered into the quarter-finals of the Scottish F.A. Cup.

At Forfar, Rangers won 7-0 after building a 5-0 interval lead, while at Parkhead, Celtic, with John Hughes ripping holes in Dundee United's defence, won 4-0.

But the cup provided its shocks. Morton went out when Rankins goals by Hogan (fourth minute) and Ferguson (84th) brought Falkirk a deserved 2-1 win over St. Mirren.

The other quarter-finalists are Kilmarnock, Motherwell and Dundee. The Aberdeen-Clydebank tie was postponed through frost.

European Results

ENGLISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

FIFTH ROUND

Carlisle United 1, Middlesbrough 2.
Crystal Palace 1, Chelsea 2.
Leeds United 2, Mansfield 0.
Middlesbrough 2, Swindon 1.
Northampton 0, Manchester United 8.
Q. Park Rangers 1, Derby County 0.
Swindon 2, Scunthorpe 1.
Watford 2, Gillingham 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 0, Stoke City 0.
Manchester City 1, N. Ham. For. 1.
Sheff. Wed. 0, W. Ham. 2.
Whamston W. 2, N. Ham. H. 2.
Sunderland 0, Everton 0.
Hull United 0, Coventry City 0.
Both postponed (ground unfit).

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Blackpool 1, Millwall 1.
Bristol City 3, Portsmouth 0.
Charlton A. 1, H. Field 1.
Oxford U. 0, Hull City 0.
Blackburn Rovers 0, Birmingham City 0.
Both postponed (ground unfit).

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Barnley 0, Bradford City 2.
B. & H. A. 1, St. Albans 0.
Luton Town 4, Don. Rovers 0.
Reading 3, Orient 2.
Rochdale 2, Plymouth Arg. 1.
Rotherham U. 0, Bristol R. 0.
Torquay U. 1, Barrow 1.
Hullfield Town 0, Walsall 0.
Both postponed (ground unfit).

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Bradford 0, Colchester Utd. 1.
Crewe Alex. 1, Exeter City 1.
Darlington 0, Grimsby T. 0.
Hartlepool U. 1, Chester 2.
Lincoln City 1, Aldershot 1.
Newport 0, P. Borough 0.
Notts County 1, Chesh. H. 1.
Port Vale 1, York City 1.
Swansea T. 4, Oldham A. 0.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

Celtic 4, Dundee Utd. 0.

IRELAND

Dundee 3, Airdrieonians 0.
East Fife 1, Morton 0.
Falkirk 2, St. Mirren 1.
Forfar A. 0, Rangers 0.
Kilmarnock 2, Hearts 0.
Motherwell 3, Inverness C. 1.
Aberdeen v. Clydebank postponed (frost).

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Clyde 1, Raith Rovers 1.
Partick Thistle 4, St. John's 3.
Dunfermline Athletic v. Hibernian postponed (frost).

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Berwick Rangers 2, Montrose 2.
Brechin City 1, Q. of S. 5.
East St. 0, Cowdenbeath 2.
Hamilton Acad. 1, Dumbarton 0.
Stenhousemuir 1, Arbroath 0.
Stranraer 0, Q. of S. Park 0.
Stirling Albion v. Albion Rovers postponed (frost).

IRELAND

Ards 3, Cliftonville 1.
Ballymena Utd. 3, Bangor 2.
Crusaders 2, Distillery 1.
Derry City 0, Glenties 1.
Linfield 4, Coleraine 1.
Potlondon 1, Glenties 3.

WEST GERMANY

Munich 3, Hannover 0.
Borussia Dortmund 1, Bayern Munich 3.
M. V. Duisburg 0, Hamburg 0.
Werder Bremen 1, Rotweiss Oberhausen 1.
Alemannia Aachen 1, FC Koeln 3.
FC Kaiserslautern 1, Borussia Moenchengladbach 4.
Rotweiss Essen 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1.

HOLLAND

Twente 1, Nac 1.
S. V. 3, Eindhoven 0.
ADO 2, D. S. 0.
M. V. 1, FC Twente 3.
Sparta 2, Holland Sport 1.
Ajax 4, AS 7.

ITALY

Bologna 0, Verona 0.
Brescia 1, Inter 1.
Cagliari 0, Fiorentina 0.
Vicenza 3, Bari 0.
AC

Milan 1, Palermo 0; Rome 2, Naples 1; Sampdoria 0, Lazio 2; Juventus 3, Turin 0.

FRANCE

Nîmes 1, Marseilles 0 (after extra time); Angers 2, Angoulême 1; Limoges 1, Avignon 0; Toulon 3, Monaco 1; Bordeaux 1, Lorient 0; Lyon 1, Aix 0; Red Star 2, Dunkerque 1; Strasbourg 3, Besancon 0.

Portugal

Mantes 2, Amiens 1; Champigny 4, Maréchal 3; Nîort 1, Auch 0; Le Mans 2, Gironde 1; Annecy 2, Montferland 1; Arles 3, Le Clotat 1 (after extra time); Albi 2, Montluçon 1; Massaguet 3, Douarnenez 2 (after extra time); St. Etienne 4, St. Louis 0; Sedan 3, Viry Châtillon 0; Nantes 0, Lens 1; Rouen 3, Granville 0; Bastia 2, St. Quentin 0; Valenciennes 1, Quevilly 1 (after extra time); Metz 2, Clermont de Strasbourg 2 (after extra time); Sochaux 3, F.C. Mulhouse 1; Gueugnon 1, Albi 0; Rennes 5, St. Brestois 1; Baume les Dames 2, Nancy 1; Nice 3, Antibes 1; Reims 2, St. Omers 0; Grenoble 2, Malskoff 0; Paris Neuilly 1, Lille 0.

Belgium

Racing White 2, Anderlecht 0; Warangem 1, Crossing Chateaubek 0; St. Trond 1, F.C. Liegeois 3; Standard Liège 2, La Gantoise 1; Brugge 2, Oostend 0; Lierse S.K. 1, Beeringen 0; St. Gilloise 0, Beveren 1; Beerschot 2, Charleroi 0.

Portugal

Porto 0, Sporting 1; Tomar 1, S. Paulista 2; Benfica 0, O. 1; Belemenses 1, Leixoes 0; Gilmarães 4, Academica 0; Varzim 1, Boavista 1; Barreirense 5, Braga 1.

Winter

The London match between West Ham and Coventry City in the English First Division was called off because of a waterlogged pitch.

Another First Division clash, between Sunderland and Everton, had already been postponed because of snow and frost.

British League Tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	17	12	2	65	30	46
Everton	21	4	5	52	26	48
Chelsea	14	10	5	49	32	38
Wolverham.	12	12	7	45	36	38
Liverpool	13	9	6	49	31	35
Stoke City	12	11	7	41	36	35
Coventry City	14	6	8	39	28	34
Manchester U.	11	12	7	43	40	34
Derby County	14	5	11	38	27	33
Nottingham For.	9	15	7	40	43	33
Newcastle Utd.	12	8	13	33	32	32
Manchester C.	11	9	10	42	34	31
Arsenal	7	15	9	32	35	29
Tottenham H.	11	7	12	38	43	28
W. Brom. Alb.	11	6	13	40	39	28
West Ham Utd.	8	8	14	36	48	24
Burnley	7	10	12	34	45	24
Southampton	5	12	12	39	49	22
Ipswich Town	6	8	17	29	53	20
Crystal Palace	3	11	15	25	51	17
Sunderland	4	9	18	22	56	17
Sheff. Wed.	4	7	19	26	55	15

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield Town	18	7	5	50	28	43
Sheff. Utd.	16	5	9	57	37	37
Blackburn Rovers	16	8	11	41	34	37
Cardiff City	14	8	8	43	31	36
Q. Park Rangers	14	6	10	49	39	34
Middlesbrough	12	11	7	41	36	35
Swindon Town	11	12	6	36	31	34
Blackpool	12	10	7	38	36	34
Bristol City	11	9	10	39	33	31
Leicester City	11	9	10	43	40	31
Carlisle Utd.	12	7	11	45	42	31
Portsmouth	10	8	12	41	49	28
Birmingham City	10	8	12	41	49	28
Hull City	7	12	11	34	45	26
Oxford Utd.	5	10	11	22	49	26
Bolton Wanderers	8	8	13	43	47	24
Norwich City	10	4	14	36	54	24
Charlton Athletic	5	13	12	27	54	23
Preston N.E.	7	8	14	30	40	22
Watford	7	7	15	32	37	21
Aston Villa	4	11	13	24	45	19

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	15	8	5	51	28	38
Orient	14	10	4	50	23	38
B. & H. A.	15	7	3	46	27	37
Reading	15	7	5	54	49	37
Barnsley	13	10	6	46	33	36
Rochdale	15	5	10	53	38	35
Rotherham Utd.	11	12	5	44	31	34
Torquay Utd.	11	12	4	44	35	34
Bradford City	14	5	10	41	31	33
Halifax Town	11	11	7	48	38	33
Pulham	10	8	8	31	29	32
Doncaster Rovers	12	6	12	37	35	30
Shrewsbury Town	9	12	9	38	39	30
Walsall	11	5	11	31	37	27
Bury	11	5	14	37	57	27
Plymouth Arg.	11	5	13	34	57	27
Bournemouth	8	10	12	33	61	26
Walsall	10	5	13	31	43	25
Southport	7	8	13	31	46	22
Tranmere Rovers	7	7	13	34	54	21
Stockport County	4	9	18	17	44	17
Gillingham	5	5	17	27	45	15
Barrow	3	9	18	22	57	15

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesh. H.	17	7	4	49	17	41
Swansea Town	14	10	4	44	22	38
Brentford	14	6	8	38	23	37
Port Vale	13	10	5	34	21	36
Aldershot	13	10	7	34	21	36
Exeter City	15	5	5	42	30	34
P. Borough Utd.	13	8	5	44	24	34
Notts County	13	6	10	44	34	33
Colchester Utd.	11	10	8	38	38	32
Scunthorpe Utd.	12	7	10	41	40	31
Lincoln City	10	10	9	41	37	30
Chesh. H.	14	2	13	38	42	30
Grimsby Town	9	10	10	30	32	27
Crewe Alex.	10	6	11	32	32	26
York City	10	6	11	36	44	26
Northampton T.	8	9	9	34	31	25
Exeter City	8	8	14	44	42	24
Hartlepool Utd.	7	10	13	34	50	24
Southend Utd.	8	7	15	38	57	23
Darlington	7	8	14	33	42	22
Newport County	7	8	14	36	50	22
Oldham Athletic	5	9	14	20	48	19
Workington	6	5	17	26	49	18
Bradford	5	7	18	30	54	17

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	18	2	3	64	24	38
Rangers	16	4	3	51	22	36
Hibernian	13	3	5	38	21	29
Dundee United	11	5	7	44	47	27
Hearts	8	10	6	29	28	26
Dunfermline A.	10	5	8	29	28	25
Dundee	9	5	8	28	26	23
Kilmarnock	8	6	8	44	41	22
Ayr United	10	2	11	30	32	22
St. Johnstone	8	9	9	30	31	21
Morton	8	9	9	34	31	25
St. Johnstone	8	8	14	44	42	24
Aberdeen	7	10	13	34	50	24
Aberdeen	8	10	10	40	35	20
Clyde	5	12	11	40	45	15
St. Mirren	4	11	18	31	40	15
Partick Thistle	4	5	11	28	47	13
Raith Rovers	3	7	14	20	47	13

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cowdenbeath	18	6	3	64	25	42
Q. of the Sth.	17	4	4	58	36	38
Arbroath	16	3	8	57	28	35
Alloa	15	2	7	51	30	32
Falkirk	14	3	4	56	26	31
Dumbarton	13	5	6	42	27	31
Stirling Albion	11	8	6	44	28	30
Berwick Rangers	12	4	8	49	33	28
East Fife	11	3	11	43	42	25

Honest ref was mad supporter

Ken Walker, a referee from Maidstone, England, recently saved the Football Association some embarrassment. Ken was assigned to officiate at the recent fourth round F.A. cup tie between Blackpool and Mansfield Town at Blackpool.

by Alistair Cooke

Unknown to the F.A., he lived in Blackpool for 30 years and is a Blackpool supporter.

He telephoned the F.A. to tell them he could not be considered unbiased and another official was appointed for the game.

Mike England, the former Blackburn Rovers centre half, now starring with Tottenham Hotspur, played his first international game for Wales against Scotland.

One third of Hamburg's fans travel to home matches by their own transport. At a game where the attendance was 43,000, no less than 15,000 cars were parked in or near the ground.

In the Argentine, they take their soccer very seriously. Before a player is selected to play for the country, there is a complete breakdown on his off-field activities.

An observer checks on his personal habits — whether he is married (if not on his courting) what time he goes to bed at night, how many times does he go to the cinema, is he good to his parents, does he smoke, drink or gamble, does he go to night clubs, does he play billiards or snooker?

When centre forward Oswaldo hit five goals for Brazilian club side Tavisto, the fans mobbed him. Oswaldo finished up with a broken jaw and had to be taken to hospital.

Before every match an order goes out from the Tottenham Hotspur's dressing room for two cups of very sweet tea for Jimmy Greaves and Alan Mullery.

In Scotland and especially in the winter, Albion Rovers president Tom Fagan, whose son played here for A.P.A. four years ago, gives his players a nip of whisky at the start with another noggins before they go out for the second half.

It was delivered to Inter-Milan and Italy player Renato Cappellini. One of soccer's strangest letters.

The sender — a woman from Padua — wrote: "If ever Helenio Herrera decides he doesn't want you in his team, I'll marry you!"

Leeds United and England centre half, Jackie Charlton, could have been

NEWS FROM ALL ANGLES

skipper of the Yorkshire side before Billy Bremner took over. But Jackie refused the post as he is superstitious and likes to come out of the tunnel last.

Jackie has more or less suggested he would turn down the captaincy of England for the same reason if the post was offered to him.

When Dynamo Dresden came to Glasgow to play Rangers in a Fair Cities Cup match they had a woman attendant. The big crowd roared when Gisela ran out on the park to treat an injured player. Particularly as her leather coat was green — colours of Rangers' great rivals, Celtic.

The Bridgeford team turned up — the Collin Glen team turned up... the ref. and linesmen were there, too. But this junior game in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, never got going. Someone had forgotten to bring the goalposts along.

Roger Hoy of Tottenham Hotspur wanted a new car. He spotted what he liked, fixed up the deal then was amazed to find the registration was HOY 782D.

In Italy Penterone F.C. lost 4-2 to San Benedetto — then lodged a protest.

They claimed that in a house near the ground a trumpeter was practising at an open window. Their own keeper was a first class trumpeter. He spent the match with his hands over his ears



JIM MALLOY (Polonia), the former Melbourne and Juventus forward, who scored Polonia's second goal against Lions last Friday night. He is shown here in the colors of Juventus.

trying to keep out the terrible sounds this other chap was making.

He couldn't concentrate on the game and let in four goals.

A member of Real Madrid was fined £3 for cheering a goal scored by his opponents.

However, the fan appealed through the courts — and was vindicated.

World round-up

Club Corner

Manchester United

Came into existence in 1902 after taking over from Newton Heath, who had gone bankrupt. Newton Heath had been formed in 1880 by workmen employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

Have won the English First Division League seven times, the F.A. Cup three times and became the first English side to win the European Cup in 1968.

Lost eight top players in the Munich air crash of 1968 in which Matt Busby, their manager from 1945 until 1969, was seriously injured but eventually made a full recovery. Top players have been: Charlie Roberts, Billy Meredith, Johnny Carey, Duncan Edwards (victim of the air crash) and their present trio, Bobby Charlton, George Best and Denis Law.

Grasshoppers, Switzerland

Founded in 1896 by an Englishman named Tom E. Griffiths, they play at Hardturn Stadium, which has a capacity of 35,000.

Dominated the Swiss League and Cup competitions with amazing regularity. Outstanding players have been Elsner, Burger, Bani and Ballman. Although the players are amateurs, they receive certain considerations for a home or away win.

The club also runs an ice-hockey team.

Hibernian

Came into being in 1875 — and at first excluded from the Scottish Cup competition. Winners of both the Scottish First Division League and the Scottish Cup, they were the first British team to reach the semi-finals of the European Cup.

Best season was in 1950-51, when they won the Scottish First Division championship with 10 points more than Rangers. In this era, they had the greatest goal-scoring machine in British soccer with their attack reading: Smith, Johnstone, Reilly, Turnbull and Ormond.

Great players of the past have been: Bobby Johnstone, Laurie Reilly, Gordon Smith and Joe Baker, who went to Arsenal, then Torino in Italy, Notts Forest and is now with Sunderland. Hibs in 1968 transferred centre Colin Stein to Rangers for £100,000 and a few weeks back transferred Peter Marniello to Arsenal for £100,000.

Gornik Zabrze (Poland)

Play at Slaski Stadium, Katowice, a mining area in Poland. The word Gornik means miners. Became members of the Polish League in 1956, and won the championship the following year.

Most of the original players were either miners or students. Greatest player to grace their colours — Ernst Pohl, one of the best inside forwards in Europe and an automatic selection for Poland for so long.

Not long back Gornik Zabrze defeated Glasgow Rangers both in Poland and in Scotland in this season's European Cup-winners competition.

Bologna

Blossomed out as a soccer club in 1909 through the efforts of English residents and Italian students. Play at Stadi Comunale.

Original members of the Italian League and have won the title many times and also had numerous successes in the Mitropa Cup. Won the European tournament in 1937.

Built up to a top side by Fulvio Bernardini, who played with many top Italian sides before taking over as coach. Top players of the past have been: Michael Andreolo, a rugged Argentinian who played in Italy's 1938 World Cup side, Amado Biavati, Giacomo Bulgarelli, Carlo Ceresoli, Harald Nielsen, a Dane, and Angelo Schiavo.

Premiers go on parade



SOUTH COAST UNITED... Winners of the Sydney First Division League title in 1969, they play at Woonoon, near Wollongong, 50 miles south of Sydney. Coach of the club (in suit) is Jim Harris, the former Blackpool player.

SOCCER BOOK OF THE WEEK

by Jim Barker

Yes,
it's all
in the
game

One of the most exciting ventures in sports publishing has just been launched on the Australian market with the first edition of *The Game*, the Marshall Cavendish Encyclopaedia of World Sports.

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Our game gets a far greater coverage than other sport. Its leading teams, great stars and top events are all there, in most cases with some of the finest action photographs I have seen in any magazine, many in full color.

Rare flavour

With a rare international flavor that should guarantee an appeal to all local soccer fans, our code gets its first mention with an article on Aberdeen F.C., a side that has seldom lived up to its reputation as the leading club from North-East Scotland, winning the Scottish F.A. Cup only once in seven final appearances.

Ajax R.F.C., the big Dutch club with the small ground, scores a good mention as does Florian Albert, latest in a long line of legendary Hungarian stars.

Angelo Anquilletti, Milan's all-purpose full back, who started his career with the small Third Division side Solbiatese, gets another long mention.

Bayern Munich and Raich Carter, Benfica and Didi, Celtic and Eusebio, the list seems endless, but they are all there in these first issues.

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One of the many superb photographs from the dynamic new publication, *The Game*. The game won, a strong man falls to his knees on the Wembley turf. For England, the World Cup, for Jack Charlton, relief, thankfulness and utter exhaustion. *The Game* is the encyclopaedia of such champions, their clubs and teams and the sport they play.

FLY TO SOCCER FEAST

by George Yelland

Now is the time to decide on the best possible trip to see the world's greatest sporting spectacle — contact Mr. Colin Fuffield of QANTAS AIRWAYS.

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Key issues on agenda for annual meeting

The Australian Soccer Federation will hold its eighth annual meeting at the Diplomatic Motel, Acland St., St. Kilda, on Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15.

Sessions will commence at 9 a.m. on both occasions and last all day.

A press release from secretary Brian Lefevre gives the following agenda.

1. Confirmation of minutes

— George Yelland

of 7th A.G.M. held March, 1969.

2. Confirmation of executive committee meeting's minutes held August 1969.

3. Receive and consider for adoption the 8th annual report, balance sheet and accompanying statements for year ended December 31, 1969.

4. To elect officers and committee members for 1970.

5. To elect auditors for '70.

6. To receive and consider additional reports.

7. To transact any other business brought before meeting on notice of motion given prior to A.G.M.

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A plea for help

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7 Emma St.,
Carrum 3197,To: The Victorian Soccer Federation,
Dear Sir,

PLEASE can you help us?
The Under 16's and the Under 14's of the Chelsea Soccer Club haven't a Coach and, unfortunately, there doesn't seem any hope of getting one, which means they won't get a game this season.

As everyone knows, if there are no junior players there won't be any senior players.

A group of the boys, who badly want to play for Chelsea, and this includes my own son, say they will leave soccer altogether, or transfer.

This is appalling, as these two teams were only built up last year.

To my knowledge Chelsea Soccer Club haven't a manager, and apart from the secretary, to whom I have spoken, there doesn't seem to be anyone who cares.

I was wondering if you knew a coach who lives down this way, who would come and coach these two very disappointed teams? Otherwise these lads will leave, which would be a shame as soccer is looking up in Victoria.

Desperately hoping you can help us,

Yours sincerely,

Sgd.: Rosemary Andrew (Mrs.)



Traditional Challenge Match between representative teams of Melbourne secondary schools was won last year by Technical Schools. The picture shows proud coach Ollie Norris, with the winners of the Challenge shield at Olympic Park. Picture by Serge Walter.

What happened to our Cup chances?

Sir,
After reading the column about Soccer juniors in Soccer News of 15-1-1970, I felt I had to let you know my feelings.

I am a committee member of the Newborough United Soccer Club (Latrobe Valley League).

In 1968 our under 10 team won the Victorian Junior Cup.

The team was undefeated the whole season, although we had one under seven and three under eight players in the side.

Last year (1969) the team was changed, but once again went through the season undefeated.

Unfortunately the team were not given a chance to defend the cup they won the previous season. Why was this so?

The cup was returned to Melbourne as requested, and nothing more was heard about it. Our team was kept in strict training until late October, when somebody told us the cup

had been played for without Latrobe Valley.

Is this the way to encourage juniors?

Is this the way to encourage clubs and coaches?

A. CHOPING, 57 Fairfield Ave., Yallourn, Vic., 3838.

ANSWER: Last junior soccer season was a very lengthy one. Due to the unexpected number of withdrawals, many alterations were made, and normal competitions were spoiled.

We are sure your future stars will be given a chance to win this year's under 12 Victorian Cup.

But, in the meantime, please send us a picture and description of your undefeated juniors.

All letters concerning Juniors should be posted to: Z. Nikolic, 40 Cluden Street, Brighton East, Vic., 3187.

Much Soccer in Polish Festival

The annual Polish Sports Festival, held by Polish sports clubs of Victoria since 1965, is this year being organised for the first time by the newly formed COUNCIL OF POLISH SPORTS CLUBS IN AUSTRALIA, with its headquarters in Melbourne.

The Festival will include teams and individual sportsmen from all over Australia, and from New Zealand.

Saturday, February 14, from 11 a.m., senior soccer will be played at Ardeer S.C. ground (nr. Yallourn and Helene Sts., Ardeer) for the "Millennium Cup", founded by the Council.

The competing teams are: Polonia N.S. from Sydney (last season they dropped to the 2nd league, but have been training hard since and should be an even match for the locals).

Polonia-Melbourne S.C. (1st and 2nd teams), Keilor City S.C. (1st and 2nd teams), Syrena-Geelong S.C., Ardeer S.C. and Newport S.C.

This is the draw: 11 a.m.: Keilor City I v. Newport.

12.10 p.m.: Polonia-Melbourne I v. Keilor City II.

1.20 p.m.: Polonia-Sydney v. Polonia-Melbourne II.

2.30 p.m.: Syrena-Geelong v. Ardeer.

3.45 p.m.: Winner of game 1 v. winner of game 3.

5.20 p.m.: Winner of game 2 v. winner of game 4.

The final will be played on Sunday, February 15, at about 3.30 p.m. at Chirnside Park, Werribee, and the "Millennium Cup" will be presented to the winning team by the Hon. Secretary of the Council of Polish Sports Clubs in Australia, Mr. Tom Ostrowski.

On Sunday, February

15, the second day of the Festival, at Chirnside Park, Werribee, will start with Holy Mass at 9 a.m., followed by the parade of all competitors (at about 10 a.m.), reviewed by the official party.

The athletics events, both for juniors and seniors, will include short (40 metres, 75 m., 100 m., 200 m.) and long (1500 metres) distance running, high jump, shot put, and probably a demonstration of javelin throwing.

Some competitors are coming from Sydney, Hobart, Adelaide, Ballarat, Geelong and from all suburbs of Melbourne.

The junior soccer teams, which will start playing at about 12 noon, include: Lechia - West Newport (under 12 and under 14), Keilor City (under 14 and under 16), Kosciuszko - Ballarat (under 14), Ardeer S.C. (under 16), Newport S.C. (under 18); and the representative team of Polish Scouts Boys of Victoria (under 18).

At the interval (approx. 1-1.30 p.m.) several Polish dancing groups will perform national dances in colorful national dress.

There will be also a Polish youth orchestra from Ballarat, and a singing trio.

Proceeds will go toward the improvement of the Polish Youth Centre, "Polana", at Healesville, Vic., and to the junior soccer teams in Victoria.

Should you require any more details, please ring Mr. Tom Ostrowski, 569-0511, ext. 271 (from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

George Cross sign Pryde

After George Cross had beaten Juventus 1-0 in a friendly match last Sunday they signed transfer-listed John Pryde of Juventus, who had played with the Cross in the match.

Pryde, who joined Juventus late last season, made only a 10 minute appearance for Juventus in the Ampol Cup match against Polonia, and scored their goal.

He was a Scottish schoolboy and youth international, then joined Clyde. After a spell with the Scottish first division side he went to South Africa for three years, where he played with Port

Elizabeth in the professional league.

He returned to Scotland midway through the 1968-69 season, and joined Airdrie, with whom he played a number of first team games before coming to Australia to join Juventus.

George Cross were also interested in Bobby Robertson who is transfer listed by Juventus, but much as they would like to have him, the plain fact that they are short of ready cash put paid to their hopes of signing him.

George Cross were minus three forwards against Juventus - Kevin Walker, Mike Rogers and Robin Hayward.



Siwka (Polonia) jumps over a Lions defender as goalkeeper Evans (Lions) punches the ball away in a Polonia attack during last Friday's Ampol Cup game.

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J.L.M.C. WORKS OUT NEW ZONING PLANS

Last year's Junior League Management Committee met at Soccer House, on February 4, to decide how this year's new Junior Regional League plan will work.

There will be four zones — North, South, West and Country, which will each elect administrative committees, answerable to the J.L.M.C.

The Country Committee has already been formed, and meetings to elect the other three will be held at Soccer House—

North Region on Tuesday, February 17.
South Region on Wednesday, February 18.
West Region on Thursday, February 19.

The J.L.M.C. recommends that each committee should consist of a chairman, secretary, treasurer and two others, with power to add where it is considered necessary. Every effort will be made to equalise the strengths of each region, so that junior competitions do not become lopsided.

It will be recommended the board that the J.L.M.C.—Messrs. G. Culbar (chairman), K. Defris, L. Sazanho, J. Wren and E. Dowber, together with Board members E. Begovic and V. Manson, be retained for 1970 in an advisory capacity when the newly constituted five-member J.L.M.C. is elected.

Several progressive and important decisions were

made, which will be passed on to the Board of Management for ratification. They are:

● That juniors should play curtain-raisers before interstate and touring games.

● Each month there should be one weekend when Cup games would be played.

The first weekend in the month, probably starting in May, was decided upon.

This is a sensible move, coming into line with senior thinking on Cup games.

It will obviate the build-up of fixtures at the end of the season, and give a fair representation of relative strengths throughout the year.

There will be no Super League in 1970. Clubs finishing at the top of their respective Leagues at the end of normal fixtures will be champions.

More and more workers, dedicated to the progress of our Soccer Youth, are required.

If you are willing to give your time and effort in this great social work, contact Junior Secretary,

Mr. Gordon Spicer, on 63-0361, extension 357, during the day, or Federation Secretary, Mr. Len Willmer, at Soccer House.

Mr. Kurt Defris drew the meeting's attention to a remarkable offer by Mr. Alec Ross, a fully qualified St. John Ambulance officer.

Mr. Ross is prepared to instruct a limited number of non-playing boys, between 13½ and 15 years, in the skills of first aid.

Their uniform will be a club track suit with a white armband. The First Aider Badge will be worn on this band.

The boys will take a complete first aid course and their duties will initially be under the guidance and watchful eye of Mr. Ross.

They will do one season as a cadet before becoming a Senior First Aider.

Mr. Ross will also be instructing seniors, but the opportunity for boys to be of service in time of need is a great one.

Only a limited number can be taken, so write immediately to Mr. A. Ross, 95 Canterbury Rd., Middle Park.

First prize dividends in the Treble Chance Pools for last Saturday will reach almost record payouts for the season.

There were only NINE scoring draws so with 24 points in the one line you can expect the jackpot.

But minor dividends in these Pools will be very low because there were FIVE scoreless draws and once again the weather resulted in SIX matches being postponed — a very unsatisfactory position.

Of the 14 draws — one in the F.A. Cup, two in the First Division, three in the Second, three in Third, four in Fourth, and one in the Scottish First Division.

The balance of the coupons was 11 Aways and 20 Home winners. The four Away Pools will not be much of a dividend, when one realises the four good things in the Cup ties namely Middlesbrough, Chelsea, Manchester United and Rangers all came good.

Eight and Nine Results Pools should pay very good, thanks mainly to those postponed games.

Harking back to what I mentioned last week regarding the conference being called over the disputes about these postponed matches and the rule allowing two points for each such game.

It is hoped that the Pools Promoters will listen to the suggestions of critics who say that the Panel of Experts should be on tap every week to assess a "result" of these postponed games no matter how few there are.

Personally the old way of ALL Draws scoring three points should be brought back and the

quicker the better, the old maxim of "little fish are sweet" will suit me.

Here are the dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, January 31, when there were ten scoring Draws and three scoreless:

VERNONS

Treble Chance Pool: 24 points, £1,740 19s. for farthing; 23 points, £34 19s.; 22 points, £3 15s.; 21 points, 9s.

Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct £735 8s. for 2d.; 11 correct £14 8s.; 10 correct £1.

Three Draws: 24s. Eight Results: 84s. Four Aways: 352s. Simple Six: 156s.

LITTLEWOODS

Treble Chance Pool: 24 points, £7,420 15s. for 1d.; 23 points, £198 4s.; 22 points, £12 18s.; 21 points, £2 5s.; 20 points, 7s.

Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct £889 8s. for 2d.; 11 correct £14 8s.; 10 correct 16s.

Three Draws: 28s. Nine Results: 100s. Four Aways: 388s.

For NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, FEBRUARY 21, because of the delay in the Draw of the sixth round of English

Taffy's Tips for the POOLS

Cup and third round of the Scottish Cup all my selections for this day are on League matches which are fixtures for then, also the weather, etc.

Remember the stake-saving plan, so the following should win at Home:

EIGHT AND NINE RESULTS

Derby County, *Everton, *Tottenham, *Cardiff City, *Huddersfield Town, Preston North End, *Bradford City, Brighton & Hove, *Bristol Rovers, *Rochdale, *Adlershot, Port Vale, *Hearts, Kilmarnock, Notts County.

FOUR WAYS

*West Ham United, Bristol City, *Blackburn Rovers, Bury Town, *Doncaster Rovers, *Hibernians.

THREE DRAWS

Burnley v. Nottingham Forest, Mansfield Town v. Halifax Town.

Lincoln City v. Swansea Town.

And now for the big money with those elusive eight Draws, stick with me with the following:

TREBLE CHANCE POOL

*Burnley v. Nottingham Forest, Crystal Palace v. Sheffield Wed., *Wolverhampton v. Manchester City, Bolton Wanderers v. Blackpool, *Barnsley v. Fulham, *Mansfield Town v. Halifax Town, Rotherham United v. Reading, *Brentford v. Chesterfield, *Crewe Alexandra v. Newport County, Hartlepool United v. Scunthorpe United, *Lincoln City v. Swansea Town, Southend United v. Colchester United, Aberdeen v. Ayr United, *Clyde v. Dunfermline A.F.C.

* Indicates best selections. Till next week, good luck, punters, TAFFY.

These are the Leagues

Clubs have been provisionally allocated into Regional Leagues as follows (this does not include late entries):

North R.L.: Alexander Hostels, Croxton, Didd Creek, Eltham, *aner, George Cross, Broadmeadows City (ex-Glenroy Utd.), Greensborough, Helderberg, Hurstbridge, Juventus, Lions, M'Nong, Tristina, Moreland, North Carlton Olympic, Plenty, Rosanna.

Country R.L.: Latrobe Valley, Ballarat Dist.

South R.L.: Bayswater, Box Hill, Brighton, Chadstone, Chelsea, Clayton, Croatia, Croydon, Dandenong City, Doncaster, Doveton, Ferntree Gully, Frankston City, Frankston Pines, Hakohah, Karingal Utd., Langwarrig, Melbourne, Moorabbin, Mooroolbark, Peninsula, Ringwood City, Wilhelmina, Ringwood Utd., Sandringham, Seaford Utd., South Dandenong, Springvale, Sth. Melb. Hellas, Waverley City.

West R.L.: Altona, Ardeer, Corio, E. Melb. Helvetic, Elwood Austria, Footscray J.U.S.T., Green Gully Ajax, Kellor City, Melton, Newport, Our

Lady's Sunshine, St. Albans, Sunshine Hgts. Slavia, Sunshine South, West Newport Lechia.

Each league will elect a committee, which will administer and promote soccer within the municipalities covered by clubs in that Regional League.

Final date for acceptance of affiliations is Friday, March 6.

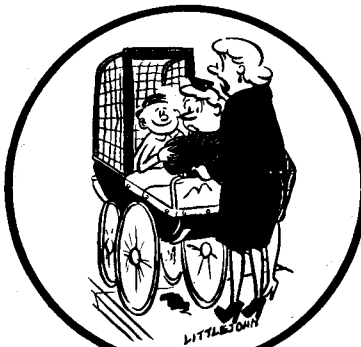
Fees, \$2.00 per team, must be paid by Friday, March 20, to the V.S.F. at Soccer House.

Also, all junior players must be insured.

Mr. G. Spicer, 1 Martha St., Donvale, will act as secretary of J.L.M.C.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Argentine, Mexico and Sweden.
2. Butch Sloothack and Cor Mathysen.
3. Kilmarnock.
4. Willy Schroif ("Black Cat").
5. Kemari.
6. S.V. Hamburg.
7. J.U.S.T.
8. Hajduk Split.
9. Tom Jones.
10. 1963.



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A NEW DEAL FOR THE AMATEUR

The announcement last November that a meeting of the Amateur Soccer Administrations of New South Wales and South Australia had resulted in the formation of the Australian Amateur Soccer Association, appears to be seen in some quarters as a threat to established principles.

A.A.S.A. cannot deny that certain existing administrations and policies will be subject to future change, if all of its plans to provide a "new deal" for amateur soccer are to be realised.

It does not, however, matter what interpretation we chose to place on the word, accept that these plans constitute a 'threat'.

On the contrary, providing that it does not become yet another platform for the advancement of personal feelings and prejudices, the Association can be the means of providing long-overdue reform within that section of our code of football that caters for the juniors and the "pay to play" seniors.

Infancy

Australia — a country that has an established reputation within the world of sport — is, after a century of soccer, still in its infancy in developing that sport.

One day, Australians will accept the world's leading team game. That day will only

come, however, after Australian soccer itself has shown that it has learned those lessons long since accepted by the established soccer nations of the world.

Not the least of these lessons is that professional soccer can only be strong if its amateurs are also strong.

The Amateur Association, then, is offering Australian Soccer the opportunity to provide that strength in its amateur ranks. The Association will be complementary, rather than additional, to the Australian Soccer Federation.

Must affiliate

Indeed, under its constitution, the A.A.S.A. must affiliate to the A.S.F.

Furthermore, it has undertaken to recognise the same geographical boundaries as those adopted by Federation — i.e. all States, plus northern N.S.W. and A.C.T.

The very strong Australian Churches Federation will also be recognised as a separate entity.

All States affiliating with the Association will

do so through their State divisions of A.A.S.A.

These divisions, however, will only be accepted providing that they are responsible Administrations recognised by their respective State Federations.

All affiliated States shall, through equal representation, be encouraged to play an active part in the affairs of the Association, thereby providing a pool of knowledge and experience that will be in-

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valuable, particularly during the formative period. This equality of States has been taken a step further in the Association constitution, in that provision has been made for equal voting rights.

The Amateur Association intends to be a partnership. The only way of ensuring this policy is by providing for it now.

Advantages

Every boy and young man who wishes to play

soccer should be given every opportunity to do so.

However, only a minority of players can graduate to professional status.

The majority of players, then, will remain among the largely unsung ranks of the amateurs.

This majority, however, must have made available to them many of the advantages that, in the past, have been the right of the star player only.

Intrastate and interstate competition will be the prelude to Australia's eventual participation in international play with Australia's new neighbors.

Olympics aim

The long-term aim, however, is to take Australia into the Olympic competition.

A Commonwealth-wide Cup Competition, at club level, is another of the Association's aims.

If the player is to gain advantages in the future, then it must of necessity follow that clubs, too, shall achieve a status that hitherto has been beyond their reach.

Clubs from the lower levels of soccer who, perhaps, have had very little definite say in the past,

will be elevated to a position where, through their State Divisions, they will have a more positive influence on their code of football.

Co-operation

If the Association is to succeed in its future hopes for Australian Soccer, it must receive the co-operation of all within the game.

The Board of Management of the V.S.F. has, at a recent meeting, been made aware, in general terms, of the ambitions of A.A.S.A.

The members of the Board have indicated that further discussions may take place in the near future.

To add any further comment at this stage would be presumptuous, and certainly not in the spirit of the recent meeting.

However, with the States of New South Wales and South Australia having some 75,000 players already represented within the Association, and other States indicating their intention of affiliating in the near future, one must ask the very relevant question:

Can Victoria afford not to affiliate its amateurs to the National Body?

Can Victoria
afford to
stay out?

Warm-up game
in the snow

No games took place last Saturday in West Germany because of heavy snow.

Yesterday West Germany were booked to play Spain in a World Cup warm-up game.

Israel, conquerors of Australia in the World Cup eliminations, are having a tough trot in their

international practice games for Mexico.

On Wednesday, February 4, they lost again by the only goal of the match.

Holland defeated them in Tel Aviv.

Brokamp scored the Dutch goal after only five minutes play.

Israel previously lost to Bulgaria and Hungary.

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JUVENTUS
CROATIA
LIONS
POLONIA

RESULTS TO DATE:

Friday, January 9
J.U.S.T. 2, Wilhelmina 1, Polonia 2, Juventus 1
Friday, January 16
S.M.-Hellas 3, Hakoah 0, Lions 2, Croatia 2
Friday, January 23
J.U.S.T. 3, Hakoah 2, Juventus 3, Lions 0
Friday, January 30
Croatia 3, Polonia 2, Wilhelmina 0, S.M.Hellas 3.

Friday, February 6:
Polonia 2, Lions 0; J.U.S.T. 2, Hellas 0.

Friday, February 13
CROATIA v JUVENTUS
WILHELMINA v HAKOAH

Friday, Feb. 20 1st SEMI-FINAL
Winner of Group 'A' v Runner-up of Group 'B'
Friday, Feb. 27 2nd SEMI-FINAL
Winner of Group 'B' v Runner-up of Group 'A'
Friday, March 6 FINAL

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